

Substitute

Ordinance No. 1238

An Ordinance relating to the operation of the  
taxicab business and drivers amending K.C.C. 6.64  
and Section 10, Ordinance 1120.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

SECTION 1: Section 10, Ordinance 1120 and K.C.C. 6.64 are  
amended to read as follows:

RATE SCHEDULE: Every licensee shall, before commencing  
operation, file with the Director of the King County Department  
of General Services his proposed schedule of rates and charges.  
It shall be unlawful for any licensee to charge any greater or  
lesser sum than is specified by such filed Schedule of Rates,  
except as herein provided, and it shall be unlawful to make any  
discriminatory charges to any person, or to make any rebate or  
in any manner reduce the charge to any person unless such re-  
duction is in conformity with the Schedule and Rates and Charges  
shall be conspicuously displayed in the taxicab so as to be  
readily discernible to the passenger. Operation of any taxicab  
or for-hire vehicle without the filing and display of Rate  
Schedules shall be a prima facie grounds for the suspension or  
revocation of the license.

(A) The Rate Schedule for taxicabs shall be as follows:

For one passenger for the first one-sixth mile,  
or fraction thereof. . . . . \$ .60

Thereafter for each additional one-sixth mile,  
or fraction thereof . . . . . .10

For every one minute of waiting time . . . . . .10

For each additional passenger . . . . . .20

(No additional passenger shall be picked up without the  
express consent of the original passenger.)

(B) The Rate Schedule for "for-hire vehicles" shall be  
determined for each licensee by the Director, who shall take  
into account, among other things, and with the objective

of prescribing a just and reasonable rate, the following factors:

(1) The public need for adequate "for-hire vehicles" service at the lowest level of charges consistent with the provision, maintenance and renewal of such service;

(2) The rates of other licensees operating in the same or similar areas;

(3) The effect of such rates upon transportation of passengers by other modes of transportation;

(4) The licensee's need for revenue of a level which under honest, efficient and economical management is sufficient to cover the cost (including all operating expenses, depreciation accruals, rents, license fees and taxes of every kind) of providing adequate "for-hire vehicles" service, plus an amount equal to such percentage of said cost as shall be reasonably necessary for the replacement of deteriorated "for-hire vehicles" and a reasonable profit to the licensee. The relation of revenues to expenses may be deemed the proper test of a reasonable profit.

(C) Any person, partnership, corporation or legal entity driving or operating or engaged in the business of operating taxicabs, may contract their services to any legally established commercial enterprises, such as, apartment house complexes, motels, airlines, manufacturing companies, for rates below those as established herein, with approval of the Director of Licenses. After approval by the Director of Licenses, a copy of the contract between the licensee and the commercial enterprise shall be filed with the Director of Licenses in triplicate. No business shall be conducted prior to the Director's approval.

(D) The Rate Schedule for taxicabs entering into contractual service shall be determined for each licensee by the Director, who shall take into account, among other things, and with the objective of prescribing a just and reasonable rate, the following factors:

(1) The public need for adequate taxicabs entering into contractual service at the lowest level of charges consistent with the provision, maintenance and renewal of such service;

(2) The rates of other licensees operating in the same or similar areas;

(3) The effect of such rates upon transportation of passengers by other modes of transportation;

(4) The licensee's need for revenue of a level which under honest, efficient and economical management, is sufficient to cover the cost (including all operating expenses, depreciation accruals, rents, license fees and taxes of every kind) of providing adequate contract taxi vehicle service, plus an amount equal to such percentage of said cost as shall be reasonably necessary for the replacement of deteriorated contract taxi vehicles and a reasonable profit to the licensee. The relation of revenues to expenses may be deemed the proper test of a reasonable profit.

PASSED by the Council at a regular meeting thereof on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1972.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL  
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

ATTEST:

Phyllis J. Owen  
Chairman of the County Council

Lee Kraft  
Administrator-Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 23d day of May, 1972.  
John D. Spellman  
Executive